The Worlds Wonder:

Being a True

RELATION

OF

The ſtrange and dreadful Apparitions ſeen in the Air, on Tueſday laſt was ſeven-night, at New-Market-Heath, and in the Weſtern Parts: Wherein you might diſcern the Flaming-Sword, the Fiery Dragon, Sparkling-Coals, Burning-Beams, Beating of Drums, Sounding of Trumpets, and a Deſperate Conflict between two Armies.

Likewiſe, the preſenting of the Earth with a mighty Thunder-Bolt, much like unto the Shell of a Great Granado; and the taking of it up, and carrying it to Juſtice *Foſters*, where many hundreds of People reſort to ſee it, to the great admiration of all that behold it.

As alſo, the ſtrange and wonderful Ringing of the Bells, by four White Spirits in the perfect Shape of Men, at *Ferry-Briggs* in *York-ſhire*, on the firſt of this inſtant *March*, betwixt 12 and one of the Clock in the Morning. With the Miniſter, Clerk, and others going to them, demanding, *In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt*, What they meant, and what their Buſineſs was? With the Anſwer which proceeded from a Voice, and the manner how they vanquiſhed.

Together with the Propheſie of King *James*, touching Apparitions, and what ſhall befall his Family, and theſe three Nations.

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A true Relation of the ſtrange and Dreadful Apparitions ſeen in the Air, on Tueſday laſt was ſeven-night, at New-Market-Heath: Wherein you might diſcern the flaming Sword, Sparkling Coals, burning-beams, beating of Drums, ſounding of Trumpets; and a deſperate Conflict between two Armies, &c.

TO paſs by the Controverſies of theſe Latter-Times, ſo highly diſputed both in Ink & Blood, and the many eminent and viſible Signs, which have appeared (as it were) from the Windows of Heaven, to the Sons of Men, give us leave, a little, to enter into the ſad Contemplations of *England's* preſtent eſtate & condition, and compare it with precedent Ages, when through her Blindneſs and Iniquity, ſhe remained obſtinate and wilful, refuſing to have her averſneſs ſearched by a Divine Hand, and to have her Tyrannical Lordly-

neſs ſubverted, and equally poized within the ballance of the Peoples Freedoms: Which is doubtleſs ſo much the greater, by how much the leſs we are ſenſible of the ſevere Hand of GOD upon Us. For not many years ſince, clear it was to the Spirits of many precious Saints, who perſpicuouſly diſcerued a viſible Signal of the Great Jehovah's Favour and Goodneſs towards his People, even by the Eye of Faith, obviouſly piercing through many dark Clouds, and dreadful Comets; in the ſame Juncture of Time, when ſpecious pretences of Reformation, or New-Lights, or Glorious Days, took its extent and Latitude from the Scottiſh Territories; yet even then, and at that very time, had the People great reaſon to ſuſpect, that the Candles of the Goſpel was either in danger to be quite extinguiſhed, or at leaſt burnt very dimly amongſt them, & did too apparently dwindle. For to begin with that which ſhould be moſt dear unto a Nation, (the eſtabliſhment of Religion in its purity and luſtre, and the liberties of the people in their priſtine Freedoms) who is not ſenſible how theſe two precious Jewels hath been ſurprized by profane, ſacrilegious, mercinary, and Prelatical hands; whilſt the Name of the Goſpel, and Reformation, hath been uſed as a Stalking-horſe, to diſguiſe & palliate the blackeſt Deſignes the Sun ever looked upon. But I ſhall not deviate too far from the intended ſubject; nor exſpatiate far, in repreſenting you with ſome memorable Comets, or Exhalations in the Air, (commonly called *Blazing-Stars*) & the firſt that preſents it ſelf to view, is that which appeared in the year, 1618. in the Reign of King *James*, to the great admiration and terrour of many that beheld it, by reaſon of the magnitude of its proportion, and the height of its Scituation. Of which many of

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the Learned, have written large Treatises; but for more general satisfaction, be pleased to take this memorable Passage, which is well-worthy your observation, *viz.*

That his Majesty upon the first of *Novemb.* going from *White-Hall* to *New-Market*, in the year aforesaid, delighting himself with the Recreations of Hawking & Hunting; and the Courtiers being likewise revelling, News was brought of this dreadful sight, and Summons from Heaven; for although Thunder seems terrible to many, yet a Comet or Blazing-Star, doth speak more peculiarly unto Kings and Princes; which incited his Majesty to send for some Learned *Mathematicians* from the University of *Cambridge*, to satisfie him touching the future Events, &c. Whereupon Dr. *Cumbers*, Dr. *Mansel*, and some others, attended his Maj. at Court, desiring to be excused, in delivering their Opinions upon so high a Point. Whereupon his Majesty gave this Construction, in the words following:

Gentlemen,

THe Body of this Great Star is over Germany, *and it denounceth much War and desolation to that Nation; but the Tayl of the Star is over my Dominions and Territories; and the Sting, the Sting,* (laying his hand upon his breast, twice expressing the same) *is in the Tail, denoting, That the greatest smart of it, and the sharpest execution of all, will chiefly centre, and have its primarily influence upon Me, or my Children.*

How true this Prophetical-Presage hath fallen out, the World may judge by its Scarlet-Die.

But to return, from whence I have digressed, I shall proceed to that Direful Eccho, which which was heard in

in the Air at *Newmarket*, on *Tueſday* laſt was ſevennight; where many of the Inhabitants thereabouts were much aſtoniſhed, eſpecially at the dreadful noiſe of Drums beating, and Trumpets ſounding, which cauſed as great aſtoniſhment, as wonder; by reaſon they ſaw no Warlike Bands viſible at preſent: Yet no ſooner had this Eccho poſſeſs'd them with various Ruminations, but immediatly they began to diſcern ſeveral Warlike Troops and Companies, arraying themſelves in Battalia; and after ſome pickeering, and vollies preſented between ſeveral Parties, as it were Forlorn Hopes, the two main Bodies joyned battel, diſputing very puiſſantly, and with great vigour. During this Engagement, there ſeemed to be an extraordinary Light, and glittering of Swords, and Men in Armour, which continued for the ſpace of half an hour; and then the one ſeemed to vanquiſh the other, taking their purſuit towards the City of *London*.

And as this was no ſmall Terrour to the Beholders, ſo was the ſucceding Thunder as great a Wonder to the Spectators, who after ſundry great Claps from an Angry God, even like unto an Enemies Warning-Piece, preſented to the Earth a mighty Thunder-bolt, much like unto the Shell of a great Granado; which was taken up and carryed to Juſtice *Foſters* houſe near adjacent, where it now lies, and is there to be ſeen at this day; as it was affirmed by Captain *Neilſon*, the *Norfolk* Poſt, and ſome others, who came to *London*, and lodged at the Sign of the Ram-Inne, in Weſt-Smithfield.

It is obſervable, That not long after this Wonder from Heaven, had preſented it ſelf to the Inhabitants of the Earth, but a bright Star of a great Magnitude, was ſeen glittering and ſparkling up and down, even like unto that

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in the West; whose Lustre was of so large an Extent, and appeared so conspicuous, That although the Air was dark, yet bright and serene were the glorious Rays which streamed forth by its great splendor, as if the Heavens received all its Serenes from its illustrious influences. This Star was seen for the space of two Nights constantly about ten of the Clock: yet in several Forms; as sometimes like a fiery Dragon; sometimes like a flaming Sword; and sometimes in an Oval Form, casting forth a round flame as big as a bushel, and divers sparkling Coals.

This strange sight did wonderfully affright the Beholders, who with relenting Spirits; do much reflect upon themselves, and leave the event thereof unto GOD; unto whom alone is known the Wonders, in the depth of the Seas, and in the heighth of the Heavens.

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The next thing that preſents it ſelf to publike view, is, a Wonder as great as any before cited, which hapned on the firſt of this inſtant *March*, at *Ferry-Bridges* in *Yorkſhire*, within two miles of *Pontefract*; the manner thus: Between 12 and one of the Clock in the morning, the Miniſter, Sexton, Clerk, and ſome others, received an Allarm, by ringing of the Bells in the Steeple; who being ſomewhat aſtoniſhed thereat, repaired forthwith to the Church; and going up into the Belfree, there appeared 4 viſible ſhapes of men, with a Candle burning, ſticking againſt the Wall: Whereupon the Miniſter bare up to them, ſaying: *In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt*; From whence come you, what is your buſineſs? and what make you here? A Voice anſwered, We come to reprove you of Sin and Back-ſliding. Therefore, *Repent, Repent*, Or elſe this preſent year will a great Plague and Famine, befall both People and Cattle. Upon uttering of which words, the Candle extinguiſhed, and the four ſhapes immediatly vaniſhed. The Lord be merciful to his Choſen Ones, and grant that theſe Signs and VVonders, may auſpicate as much Peace and glory to theſe Nations, as that great Star did upon the death of *Julius Cæſar*, to his Succeſſor *Auguſtus Cæſar*, which diſpenced a healthful and happy influence upon thoſe Nations, where the Iron-Gates of War vvere demoliſhed, and the Peoples Freedoms reſtored: Which proved a moſt Glorious Government in

The End.